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LETTER TO THE PARENTS ABOUT TEST SCORES 2025 - 2026
AK STAR and MAP TESTING reports are coming home for students in grades 3-9TH Grade!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may remember your student taking the AK STAR and MAPs Test summative assessments last spring (2025-2026).

The Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) is Alaska's state assessment for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. In spring of 2026, AK STAR was administered to students in grades three to nine. AK STAR provides an opportunity for students to show what they know and can do related to Alaska's ELA and mathematics standards, which were adopted in June 2012. For the second year, AK STAR also included a growth component, similar to the MAP Growth interim assessments many districts administer in fall and winter. This growth component provided a RIT score and growth percentiles. This approach allows a student to take just **one** test but receive both a RIT score and a summative score.

AK STAR and MAP results are a necessary component of making data-informed decisions for students, families, teachers, administrators, district leadership, and policy makers:

- For our students and families, assessment results can help determine strengths and challenges, and how to utilize both to continue academic growth.
- For our teachers and school administrators, assessment results can help evaluate progress, find areas for improvement, and focus on what students need most.
- For our policymakers and district leadership, assessment results can ensure resources are allocated to the most vital areas of need.

The student results from these tests are now available and will be coming home soon. Teachers at your school can help you understand the report if you have questions. In addition, the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) has published a Family Guide for your use. The Guide can be found on DEED's assessment webpage (education.alaska.gov/assessments).

At our school we will be giving our students a small envelope containing their 2025-2026 Test reports. If you wish to receive an email format, please let the school know.

Yours truly,
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District Superintendent